

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO  
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 75

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PLUMBING BOARD; AMENDING SECTION 54-2601, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL PLUMBING AND PLUMBING SYSTEMS SHALL BE DESIGNED, CONSTRUCTED, INSTALLED, IMPROVED, EXTENDED AND ALTERED IN SUBSTANTIAL ACCORD WITH THE IDAHO STATE PLUMBING CODE; AND AMENDING SECTION 54-2620, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT REFERENCE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-2601, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-2601. DECLARATION OF POLICY AND PURPOSE OF ACT. The purpose of this act is to provide certain minimum standards and requirements for the use of and the design, construction, installation, improvement, extension and alteration of materials, piping, venting, fixtures, appliances and appurtenances in relation to plumbing and plumbing systems hereinafter defined, and to provide that all plumbing and plumbing systems shall be designed, constructed, installed, improved, extended and altered in substantial accord with the Uniform Idaho state plumbing Code published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, and as it shall be amended, revised, compiled and published from time to time and as such amendments or revisions shall be adopted by the Idaho plumbing board; provided that the provisions of this act shall not apply, except as hereinafter provided, to cities if such cities have or enact ordinances or codes prescribing the equal minimum standards and requirements including the enforcement thereof as provided by this act.

SECTION 2. That Section 54-2620, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-2620. PERMITS REQUIRED -- EXCEPTIONS. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation to do, or cause or permit to be done, after the adoption of this act, whether acting as principal, agent or employee, any construction, installation, improvement, extension or alteration of any plumbing system in any building, residence or structure, or service lines thereto, in the state of Idaho, without first procuring a permit from the division of building safety authorizing such work to be done, except:

(1) Within the boundaries of incorporated cities, including those specially chartered, where such work is regulated and enforced by an ordinance or code equivalent to this chapter;

(2) Within such additional area within five (5) miles of the city limits over which such city has elected to exercise jurisdiction relative to building drains and building sewers pursuant to section 50-606, Idaho Code, on

1 buildings, residences and structures being converted from an on-site sewage  
2 disposal system to a sewage disposal system supplied by the city, where such  
3 work is regulated and enforced by an ordinance or code equivalent to this  
4 chapter. Cities shall provide the division of building safety written no-  
5 tice of the area over which such jurisdiction will be exercised. No city  
6 may exercise such jurisdiction within the limits of another city unless both  
7 cities have agreed by ordinance to allow such jurisdiction. For purposes of  
8 this chapter building drain and building sewer will be defined according to  
9 the definition found in the ~~uniform~~ Idaho state plumbing code or as adopted  
10 by the board, pursuant to section 54-2601, Idaho Code.

11 Permits shall be issued only to a person, or to a firm, copartnership,  
12 association or corporation represented by a person holding a valid certifi-  
13 cate of competency, or to a person who does his own work in a family dwelling  
14 as defined in section 54-2602(1)(a), Idaho Code, except that permits shall  
15 not be required for plumbing work as defined in section 54-2602(1)(b),  
16 (1)(c) and (1)(d), Idaho Code.

17 Provided, a licensed plumber is hereby authorized, after making appli-  
18 cation for permit and pending receipt of permit, to proceed and complete  
19 improvements or alterations to plumbing systems, when the cost of said im-  
20 provement or alteration does not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars  
21 (\$500). Inspection of such work shall be the responsibility of the permit  
22 holder pending an official inspection, which shall be made within sixty (60)  
23 days after notification of inspection.